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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : இந்தப் பரிசோதனைகள் வெற்றியடைந்திருக்கின்றனவா ? அப்படியானால், தொடர்ந்து மேற்கொண்டு பல இடங்களில் இந்தப் பரிசோதனைகளைச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்போது பரிசோதனைகள் தான் நடத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். பின்னர் தான் ஒரு முடிவிற்கு வர முடியும்.

Textiles

* 203-N *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have constituted any committee for Coimbatore and Madurai consisting of representatives of mill owners, workers and officials to find out concrete solutions to arrest the slump in the textile market;

(*b*) whether the committees have submitted any proposals; and

(*c*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) A Committee has been constituted for the Coimbatore area with the Collector of Coimbatore as Chairman to discuss problems relating to textile industry. As regards Madurai area, Government have decided that there is no need to constitute such a committee.

(*b*) & (*c*) No proposals have so far been received by the Government.

* 203-O *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the textile mills have stopped working a third shift due to accumulation of stocks;

(*b*) if so, how many workers are affected thereby; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the Mill managements intend to have partial or total closure in the coming months?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Rukmani Mills, Silaiman, Madurai district and Vasantha Mills, Singanallur, Coimbatore district, have stopped working a third shift.

(*b*) About 730.

(*c*) The Government understand that about five mills have got such a proposal.

SRI N. K. PALANI SAMI: மில்கள் மூடப்படுவதையும் ஷிப்டுகள் மூடப்படுவதையும் தடுக்க சர்க்கார் என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: இந்தப் பிரச்னையை நன்றாகப் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்காகத்தான் முக்கூட்டுக் கமிட்டி போன்ற ஒரு கமிட்டியை கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவிற்குப் போட்டிருக்கிறோம். மில் தொழிலாளர்களின் பிரதிநிதிகளும் மில் முதலாளிகளின் பிரதிநிதிகளும் சந்தித்து, மில்கள் மூடப்படுவதைத் தவிர்க்க என்னென்ன முயற்சிகள் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கலந்தாலோசித்து ஆலோசனைகள் கூறவேண்டுமென்று அக்கமிட்டியிடம் சொல்லியிருக்கிறோம். இது ஒரு மிகவும் முக்கியமான

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பிரச்சினை. இப்போது, சில ரகங்களில் நூல் தேக்கம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. தேங்கியிருக்கும் நூல் ரகங்கள் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட மில் தொழில்களை நடத்தினால் நஷ்டம் வருகிறது என்று ஒரு வாதம் இருந்துவருகிறது. தொழிலாளர்களும் முதலாளிகளும்தான் இந்தப் பிரச்னையை நேரிடையாக ஆராய்ந்து தீர்க்க முடியும். சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு போட்டு பிரச்னையைத் தீர்ப்பதற்கு வழி இல்லை.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : Quite apart from the third shift being closed, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in some mills even the first and the second shifts have also been closed?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No mill has closed voluntarily the first shift. There is strike in one or two mills and therefore the first shift has been closed in some mills. Some mills have closed the second shift. I can give the names of those mills if the hon. Member wants.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KAYALAR : இந்த முக்கூட்டுக் கமிட்டியை மாநில ரீதியில் விஸ்தரிக்க சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இந்தப் பிரச்னைகள் ஜில்லாவாரியாக இருப்பதால், முக்கியமான ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு மட்டுமே கமிட்டி அமைக்கவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறது.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : Quite apart from the closure of the first and second shifts in the Kaleeswarar Mills, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government would intervene very early in the matter of closure of shifts in mills, as the situation is growing bad and the House will be concerned very much later on in the course of the next few months when more mills will be closing down the shifts, and take steps to bring about an understanding between the managements and labourers regarding work-loads and see that the mills work in such a way as to be able to pay at least the wages of the workers? Certain mills are working at a loss. They are unable to pay the wages of the labourers and the managements have to borrow money in order to pay their workers.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is a long speech.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : Sir, I wanted to avoid the Speaker allowing me a number of times. That is why I put a long question.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I shall answer them one by one.

The closure of shifts in the Kaleeswarar Mills was not on account of stagnation of cloth. It was not on account of labour dispute but it was because of an internecine quarrel between the share-holders and the managements. The other mills which closed the second shift are Thiagarajar Mills, Kappalur (Madurai district), Coimbatore Spinning and Weaving Mills, Sarada Mills, Podanur;

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Ranga Vilas Spinning and Weaving Mills, Peelamedu. It is true that there is a crisis in the textile industry. But the crisis is confined only to those mills which produce 20 counts yarn. Though hon. Members sitting opposite may not agree with me, I wish to point out that the standard of living of the people has increased with the result that to-day the demand for the 20 count dhotis has gone down considerably. In fact I asked some of the workers, who came to represent to me these matters, to show one individual among them who was wearing four cubits 20 count dhoti. All the mill workers were wearing dhotis of more than 36 counts. There fore, the demand for certain quality of yarn and quality of cloth has gone down. The mills are now reorganising themselves to meet the changed pattern of consumption in the country.

SRIMATHI T.N. ANANTHANAYAKI: இருபதாம் நெம்பர் நூல் ஓரளவுக்குத் தேங்கியிருக்கிறது என்றும், நூல் தேக்கம் காரணமாக, தாங்கள் தயாரிக்கும் துணிகளின் ரகங்களையும், உற்பத்தி செய்யும் நூல்களின் ரகங்களையும் மாற்ற மில் முதலாளிகள் விரும்புகிறார்கள் என்றும் கனம் அமைச்சர் கூறினார். அவைகளை மாற்றிக்கொள்வதற்கு முதலாளிகளுக்கு அரசாங்கம் உடனடியாக ஏதாவது உதவிதந்து, தொழிலாளர்களின் அவல நிலையைப் போக்க முயற்சிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not see any question there, Sir.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : I want to put one more question, Sir. The Hon. Minister has not answered my question.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member stated that he put a long question to avoid the Speaker allowing him another question. It was a wrong statement to make, which meant that the Speaker would not give a second chance to the hon. Member. Having made that statement the hon. Member should not now get up and request the Chair to permit him to put another supplementary question. However I shall give him a chance. The hon. Member should not make such allegations against the Speaker.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I only showed my respect to the Chair when I said I should avoid the trouble of the Speaker giving me a second chance. I only showed more respect to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER : He need not explain further. He may put the supplementary question.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : My main question still remains unanswered, Sir. There are mills which are losing and they will be closed wholly unless the Hon. Minister brings about some understanding between the managements and labour. The Hon. Minister has been shown the accounts of the mills. I am refraining from mentioning names of the mills because I am connected with some. But I may mention the instance of the Madura Mills employing 28,000 labourers. As hon. Members of the House

are very much concerned with the welfare of the labourers, is it not incumbent on the part of the Hon. Minister and the Government to bring about urgently a reasonable understanding between the workers and the managements so that the workers may not be laid off or put out of work in the next month or two?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I would request the hon. Member to give notice of a short notice question, particularly regarding Madura Mills. I have a number of facts to give.

Ghiriyar scheme

* 203-P *Q.*—SRI T. VELUCHAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the estimated cost of the Ghiriyar Project in Tirunelveli district;

(*b*) whether the consent of the Kerala Government will be available for the execution of the project;

(*c*) what are the places with their extent that will be benefited by the project; and

(*d*) when will the project be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Rs. 216 lakhs as estimated in 1953.

(*b*) Negotiations with the Kerala State can be started only after a final decision has been reached on the Parambikulam-Iliyar Project. It cannot be stated whether or not the consent of the Kerala Government will be received.

(*c*) The total area to be irrigated is estimated at 10,700 acres. The areas that will be benefited can be known only after localization.

(*d*) In view of the answer to clause (*b*) it cannot be stated when the project can be started.

Sugar mills

*** 203 Q-*Q*.—SRI M. P. SARATHI AND SRI A. A. RASHEED :** கனம் கைத்தொழிலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா ?

(அ) வடஆற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் புதிய சர்க்கரை ஆலே ஏற்படுத்தும் முயற்சி எந்த அளவுக்கு முன்னேறி இருக்கிறது ?

(ஆ) அது எப்போது செயல்பட ஆரம்பிக்கும் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The North Arcot District Co-operative Sugar Mills, which has been granted a licence to set up a Sugar Factory, has purchased the site for the location of the factory in Vadapudupet and Kilmurungai villages in Vellore taluk. It has obtained necessary import licences for sugar mill machinery and has also placed firm orders for the machinery from West Germany, and some items of the machinery have begun to